

Dear Colleagues,

I want to congratulate State Building Division (SBD) on its recent achievements. State Building Division is doing great work to improve public safety within our state building infrastructure and from a policy perspective. Just last week, we participated in a the [groundbreaking](#) on the new State Patrol Crime Lab expansion. The project to expand the State Crime Lab has been led by Kevin Herr and will add approximately 28,000 square feet to the current facility. This new capacity will increase the number of lab results the State Patrol can process which will allow us to catch more bad guys faster. The crime lab project comes right on the heels of the groundbreaking for another critical public safety initiative, the [new State Penitentiary](#). State Building Division handled the real estate transfers for are making the new State Penitentiary possible.

From a policy perspective SBD is also protecting the public safety from foreign adversaries. The team has implemented a recent policy that will prevent the State from selling land that ends up in the hands of adversarial foreign powers. This initiative was in support of Governor Pillen’s recent efforts [to enhance security for the state and the nation](#). Also, as part of our recent policy updates SBD memorialized a longstanding policy that land sold by the State of Nebraska [can’t be placed into restrictive easements](#) that harm our State’s economic interests.

But SBD wasn’t done there. Brent Flachsbart and team have also continued with regulatory reform, making significant revisions to the [Facility Use Manual and the Space Design Manual](#). These manuals are guidance documents that govern the use of State facilities and how we plan and design workplace spaces. Collectively, these revisions reduced the word count by 5048 words and reduced the page count by 27 across both manuals, a 57% percent reduction overall.

Collectively these policy revisions and project initiatives represent significant achievements for the entire building division team. Great work to all involved!

Regards,

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